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## GAME OPENINGS

COMMAND POST, #19. John Mirassou, Rt. 2, Box 623AC, Morgan Hill, CA 95037. Ditto. GF is \$1.00 + sub. Sub is 6/\$1.10. Openings in regular dippy.

RUNESTONE, #77. John Leeder, 4910 20A St., SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2T 5A6. Ditto. Openings in 3 variants: Bawtinhimer 8-Player Variant, Gesta Danorum, and Flintlock II (contained in the issue). NO GAMEFFE YET!

Wants to know if you'll play. Sub are 1¢/page plus postage. GF are \$2 plus sub or trade (50¢ discount to IDA members. Canadian.

CENTURION #3. Russel Fox, 5160 Donna Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356. Mimeo. Reg. Dip. GF is to maintain sub which is 8/\$2.00.

SPECULUM, #17. Dave Kadlecik, 1447 Sierra Creek Way, San Jose, CA 95132. Ditto. Openings in: Gigaton Bomb Variant (GF \$2), YV (GF \$2), Fish's Delight or Scachomacy (GF \$0), ME VII (GF \$1). All plus a refundable \$1 PLUS maintenance of a sub. Sub rate 10/\$2.

CLAW & FANG, #52. Mimeo. Don Horton, 16 Jordan Ct., Sacramento, CA 95826. Sub rate is 12/\$3.00. GF is \$2 plus sub. Openings in regular diplomacy.

EXONENT #14. c/o Richard Kovalcik, Jr., 947 56th St., Brooklyn, NY 11219. Mimeo. Openings in reg. dippy. GF is to sub to Exponent at the rate of 10/\$1.50.

I know that I don't make a habit of reporting on gamezines without openings, but sometime in June or July, Impassable will be due for a summer special issue and maybe then I'll put in all the trades I get, or have current issues at that time!

## STANDBY POOL

This is a rotating pool, so I'm going to list the current order with the new additions. There was no need for standbys this issue:

Cooper	Parks	Kovalcik
Callahan	Fujihara	Malkus
Peluso	Zimmermann	Birsan
Kador	Keller	Gemignani
Crowley	McGee	Kelly
McIlvaine	Brooks	Swies

As you can see, when you're used, you move down to the bottom of the list. But, don't worry, as we move along in these games, requests will be fairly heavy and should keep the list rotating. The usual method will be to assign players in order of the requests according to chronological order of the games. We will be making exceptions for some of the games with more experienced players and will use the more experienced standbys for these few games. Other than that, anyone can be filling for any game in Impassable!

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SPI's quad, Blue & Grey, is heartily recommended by me to those who like the Civil War period and uncluttered games with clear cut and clean rules. The maps are colorful with two greens, two browns (one golden), blue and the off-white background. Only \$12.00!

# NEWS OF THE DIPLOMACY HOBBY.....

The sources of my news, it should be noted are mostly from gleaming other gamezines and from, in few cases, letters from others. I try not to express opinions without having some facts, but sometimes I fail to be right. One such case, it would appear, was my reporting from Speculum about TIDA. I received a letter from Peter Berggren (Publisher of Turnabout), Lord Commissioner of TIDA. I quote his brief letter in entirety:

"I would request that you retract your statements in the last Impassable in which you stated that TIDA was attempting to "block vote" the CA's this summer. I am a Lord Commissioner of TIDA, and you have my word that this will never take place. In fact, no bill has been put before the Commission which would do this."

I, too, think that the CA's should be continued, and I have faith in the IDA Committee to Advise on the Awards. I'm sure that they will clear up the problems demonstrated by last year's Awards, and TIDA will not have to resort to "last resort" efforts to make these faults again obvious, as there are plans for doing this with the Beyerlein Player Poll."

((I thank the Lord Commissioner for straightening all of us out with regards to TIDA's position. I asked him to attempt to write a full length article on the various activities of TIDA, but unfortunately, he is not able to do so. Perhaps another Lord of the Comission can write one for Impassable?))

Alex Sabo wrote to ask about the book series written by Lawrence Peery. Well, I had to tell him that as far as I know, Larry has dropped completely from the Diplomacy scene. Has anyone, especially from Southern California, heard anything of late on Larry? Larry was a one-time active publisher of Xenogogic. He helped to start IDA and then started his various projects which included the Who's Who of the Hobby among many others. The series of books on each country was rather heavily "criticized" for being out of date on the theories and so this may have been the cause of Larry's demise in this hobby.

In this issue, the series, Solitary Confinement, will be continued under a new author, also to be anonymous. I am happy to say that the new author is at least equal to the first and should hope he'll stick around longer.....

A COA for a publisher is in order here for Robert Bryan (spelled with a 'y') Lipton,

556 Green Place, Woodmere, NY 11598. His copy price for THE PUBLISHER is now reported as 75¢ each. Note that!

Received the latest Queen Victoria's Funeral. This is a regionzine for the British Region of IDA. They have done a marvelous job in organizing and running their branch of IDA. Although this zine is of very little interest to most North Americans, it is of interest to IDA Council members and being one, I get QVF on a regular basis. An effort is being made to change IDA's organization to a federation with two levels of organizations. The new, higher level, would be the international council. Thus, the current IDA Council would become merely the North American Regional Council. This would place the proper perspective of the different regions where it should be in I.D.A. As it now stands, it is heavily American dominated and federalization is one way to reduce that preponderance and make it more palatable to others.

Erehwon #87 by Rod Walker, "ALCALA", 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024, carried my brief article/opinion about stalemate lines. The gist was that I feel they can be avoided and more effort should be, I think, expended to avoid them rather than knowing how to set them up. But then, you must know how others can set them up to avoid them. It comes down to a matter of attitude or philosophy of playing the game. By the way, Rod mentions that he will be quitting as Ombudsman for IDA, stating that he doesn't have the timenor desire to continue in the post. He is trying to give it to Heuer, but if this is true, I can't say now who would end up filling the post. Heuer is as good as anyone, but the Council would have to appoint Rod's successor.... For those who wish to follow the "exploits" of Rod in his "crusade" against TDA/Beshara/Boardman et al, sub to his gamezine for the details. Sub rate is 6/\$1.00. As a side note, Rod is now "copyrighting" his issues. What this means for the hobby, I don't know, but I'm currently thinking of setting up on my own an invitational publishers group for free exchange of articles and information. If anyone is interested, let me know. It won't cost you a thing, and if enough are interested, I'll start it up with a small letter of explanation. Most likely, after the initial enrollment of publishers, we would admit others by a majority vote. I feel that something has to be done to hold back the rush to copyrighting materials and gamezines. Though there is no legal recourse

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1970BJ, Winter 1915 and Draw Vote

AUSTRIAN PEACE PROPOSAL DEFEATED BY RUSSIA!  
GERMAN PRINCE MAKES ANOTHER PROPOSAL: WILL LONG WAR FINALLY DRAW TO AN ABSOLUTE ENDING?

Vote on 5-Way Draw: Russia: No; All Others: Yes. Defeated. Technically, a 5-way draw was impossible, but since it was defeated, I'm not going to worry about it. Please note the new proposal is a 4-way draw.

Winter 1915:

AUSTRIA(Beyerlein): SP

ENGLAND(Keller): D F Eng, is out! Thanks for the stand-by effort, Tom!

GERMANY(Mahler): B A Kie

ITALY(Phillips): SP

RUSSIA(Kelly): B A StP

SPRING 1916 and Vote for 4-Way Draw is due. Friday, June 13, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1915 Positions:

Austria: A Sil, A Mos, A Boh, A Tri, A Alb, A Bul, A Pie, A Vie, A Gre, A Sev (10);

Germany: A Mun, A Ber, F Nth, F Hol, A Kie (5); Italy: F NAT, F Lvp, F Iri, A Bre, A Pic, A Ruh, A Bur, A Tyo, A Ven, F Adr, F Ion (11);

Russia: A Liv, F Nwy, A Lon, F Edi, F Nwg, A Con, A Arm, A StP (8).

1972BG, Summer & Fall 1915

PEACE! ITALY WINS WAR IN EUROPE! RUSSIAN ALLY HELPS TO SMASH REMAINING AUSTRIAN POWER!

COA: Joe Hrbek, 9118 Farrington Dr., Santee, CA 92071.

Summer 1915: Austria R F Bul(ec)-Rum

Fall 1915:

AUSTRIA(Kelly): A Mun-Kie, A Sil-War, A Pru S A Sil-War, A Gal S A Sil-War, A Sev-Mos/a/, A Ukr S A Sev-Mos, F Rum-Sev/a/, A Bud-Rum

ENGLAND(Swies): F Spa(sc) S F NAT-Mid, F Nat-Mid

ITALY(Hrbek): F Edi-Nwg, F Lvp H, F Iri-Mid, A Gas-Spa, F Tyn-Wes, A Bur S Rus A Ruh-Mun, A Bel-Ruh, A Ber-Sil, A Tyr-Vie, A Ven-Tri, A Pie-Tyr, A Gre-Ser, F Bul (ec)-Rum, F Bla S F Bul(ec)-Rum, F Arm S Rus A Mos-Sev

RUSSIA(Fish): A Mos-Sev, A War-Ukr/r/(Liv, Mos, OTB), A Ruh-Mun, A Kie S A Ruh-Mun, F Nth-Lon

COMMENTS ON GAME due Friday, June 13, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T. Game Report will appear then.

FINAL Fall 1915 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Y/e, T/t, Ser, R/m, S/p, Bud, Ser, Bul, War (4) R2, lost 2 (lost 1 Spr '15)

England: L/pn, Spa (1) R1

Italy: Hom, Por, Tun, Mar, Smy, Con, Bre, Par, Ank, Gre, Lvp, Edi, M/m, Vie, Tri, Ser, Rum (18) B3, 1 short, but wins according to rules on ownership of 18 supply centers by a Fall season.

Russia: StP, Mos, Sev, Lon, Bel, Swe, Nwy Hol, Den, Kie, Mun (11) B6, was 3 short, can only build 3, but who cares?

My congratulations go to Joe for winning a long battle against successive Austrian rulers. For Jim who held out against long odds at the end in finishing up rather well (without checking, his Russia is probably the best Russia and thus could be qualified for the Championship game when 1972BW ends, but Russia in BW is also doing well.... My thanks to Richard for substituting in an hopeless case as England and to Ron for Austria--you'll have to chalk this one up as an unfortunate game for you! Anyways, he's probably losing count of how many times he's lost as Austria on a stand-by basis... Again, a fine game, gentlemen!

Press--

Rome, September 1915: Although there has been no official peace, King Ernesto II Ginzo has indicated that hostilities have effectively ceased. He indicated that a few straggling Austrian armies were making futile stands in Germany and Russia while leaving the Austrian homeland free for liberation by SPIRM forces. The King expresses hope that all hostilities will be ended by the Winter of 1915.

1972BW, Spring 1916

NEW FRENCH DICTATOR PLEDGES TO FIGHT ON! WAR CONTINUES AS A DEADLOCK MILITARILY!

FRANCE(Kelly): F Tyn S Ita F Nap, F Mar-Spa(sc), A Bur-Mar, A Bel-Bur, A Ruh-Kie, A Hol S A Ruh-Kie, F Hel S F Nth, F Nwg S F Bar, F Bar S Ger A Swe-Nwy/nso, F Nth S Ger A Swe-Den/nso/

GERMANY(Davies): A Swe S Rus A Den, A Ber S Rus A Kie

ITALY(Swies): A Tus-Rom, F Nap S F Tun-Ion, F Tun-Ion

RUSSIA(Knudsen): F StP(nc) S F Nwy-Bar, F Nwy-Bar, A Den S A Kie, F Ska-Nth, (cont. next page)

A Kie S A Mun, A Mun S A Kie, F Bal S A Kie, A Tyr-Pie, A Vie H, F Aeg-Ion  
 TURKEY(Abbott): A Ven S A Pie-Tus, F Ion-Nap,  
F Gre S Rus F Aeg-Ion, A Pie-Tus, F Adr  
S Rus F Aeg-Ion, F Apu S F Ion-Nap, A Boh  
S Rus A Mun, F Con-Aeg

FALL 1916 Orders are due Friday, June 13, 1975  
 at noon, E.D.S.T.

1973BU, Fall 1919

#### ENGLISH-GERMANS BUNGLE OPERATION BARBAROCIOUS

COAs: John Hendry, 17 Price Rd., Peabody, MA 01960; John Hulland, RR#2, Guelph, Ont., N1H 6H8; Walter Blank, Box 411, Trempealeau, WI 54661, effective June 3rd.

Fall 1919:

AUSTRIA(Tonnesen): A Tri-Tyr, A Vie S A Tri-Tyr, A Boh S A Gal-Sil/a/, A Gal-Sil, A Rum-Gal

FRANCE(Greenwell): A Por-Spa, F Bar-Nwy, F NAT-Mid, F Iri S F NAT-Mid, F Lyo C Ger A Mar-Tus, F Spa(sc)-Wes, F Wes-NAF, A StP S Ger A War-Mos/nso/, A Lvp-Wal

GERMANY(Barents): A Mar-Tus C by Eng F Lyo, A Bur-Mar, A War S Eng A StP-Mos/nso/r/, A Liv S Eng A StP-Mos/nso/, A Ber S A Mun, A Sil-Boh, F Eng-Lon, F Bre-Eng

ITALY(Hulland): F Wal H, F NAF-Tun, A Tyr S Aus A Vie-Boh/r/(Ven, OTB), A Ven-Tus, A Pie S A Ven-Tus

RUSSIA(Hendry): A Sev S A Mos, A Mos S Tur A Ukr-War

TURKEY(Blank): F Tyn S Ita F NAF-Tun, F Ion S F Tyn, F Bla H, A Ukr-War

AUTUMN & WINTER 1919 Orders and Vote on a 6-Way Draw proposed by Turkey, PLUS a vote to change current "game years" back to standard game years. Got all of that? All are due on Friday, June 13, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

#### Fall 1919 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Vie, Bud, Gre, Ser, Rum (5) Bl, lost 1

England: Lvp, Edi, Lof, Nwy, StP, Swe, Bel, Por, Spa (8) R1

Germany: Hom, Den, Hol, Par, Bre, Mar, Wat, Lon (9) SP

ITALY: Hom, Tun, Tri (5) SP

Russia: Mos, Sev (2) SP

Turkey: Hom, Bul, War (5) Bl

Press--

Tushyacani: The dew has fallen o'er the southern seas, Giving sense of desparation to

the common man. With the beginning of a fresh year, The mask of death shall face us all. To All, I say, "Stay your greedy hand until the foe is beaten." (Poem) Pope Redeculus III.

1973Ddl, Spring 1025

SCOTLAND MOVES TO THE SEA FOR NAVAL WAR AS ORKNEY MOVES FOR REVENGE AGAINST SCOTLAND!

KYMRU(Gemignani): A Off S Scot A Wex-Oss

LEINSTER(Fujihara): A Lei S A Mea H/r/(Cas, Tho, OTB), A Mea S A Kil H, A Kil H, F DrB-Iri/r/(Plu, SIS, Mou, Dow, OTB)

MUNSTER(Fanelli): F GaB-Lei, A Tua S F GaB-Lei, F TrB-Tra, A Bar-Oss

ORKNEY(Keller): F NAT-WMi, F IAT-WIF, A Ros H/u, A Ern-Oma, F Don-Isl, F Arm H/u, F CaB-MoB, F Mid H/u

SCOTLAND(Tonnesen): A Cai-Str, F Lis(nc)-Suth(sc), F Heb-Min, F NIS-Isl, A Dal-Oma, F Dun-NIS, F Law-IAt, A Wex-Oss, F NSG-StG, A Bue-Car, A Mon H, F SIS-NSG, F Iri-DrB, A Lot-Cal, A Ang-Uri, A Car-Dyf, F Dub S F Iri-DrB

SUMMER & FALL 1025 Orders are due Friday, June 13, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press--

Kymru: The Great Stone was declared insane by The Dr. Faudian Slip in Vienna in his rock shelter. He is believed to have been a paranoid shiz who believes he is this god, "Impassable". Further research revealed that "Impassable was the dreaded sacrificial god of the primitive and backward Stone People of Stonehenge. He was worshipped, they say, by virgin sacrifices atop Stonehenge. The only protection against his fierce rage was to play rock music, throw newspaper on top of him and shout insult out of loud speakers. Since the Stone People had none of these they are now extinct, having out did themselves in effect to keep the god supplied with virgins. The virgins who survived retired to go-go place called, Mac the Knife. Here their descendent return to do the old and forbidden rites."

STONEHENGE: The rites of power continued to be heard coming from the Great Stone. The skies grew darker and darker. The air filled with electricity as the Great Stone, now white, turned red. At this time, Mars, a planet to be seen at this time of the year, disappeared. The moon began to shrink, and the stars no longer twinkled!

Limerick: The battle lines have been drawn.  
The armies face off in the dawn.  
The sad part that ails  
Irish hearts is that Wales  
stands in the front rank as a pawn.

To Whom It Concerns: No, no orders were found for such. Sorry.

1974HN, Spring 1903

#### WAR RENEWS IN FULL FURY ACROSS ALL OF EUROPE:

COA: Walter Blank, Box 411, Trempealeau, WI 54661, effective June 3rd.

#### Winter 1902 Revisit:

Austria: SP

England: SP

France: B F Mar

Germany: B A Ber

Italy: B F Nap

Russia: B A Mos

Turkey: SP

#### Spring 1903:

AUSTRIA(Osmanson): F Aeg-Smy, A Tyr S Ita A, Mun/otm/, A Alb-Bud/imp/, A Gre H, A Ser Bul

ENGLAND(Fujihara): F Nth-Nwy, F Bar S F Nth-Nwy, A Lvp-Edi, F Lon-Nth

FRANCE(McKeon): A Bur S Ger A Bel-Ruh, A Por-Spa, F Mar-Pie, F Mid-Wes, F Gas-Mid

GERMANY(Kelly): A Bel-Ruh, A Kie S A Ber, A Ber S Rus A Sil-Mun/nso/, A Pru-Liv/a/, F Bal S A Pru-Liv, F Swe-Bot

ITALY(Tonnesen): A Pie S Fra A Bur-Mar/nso/, A Mun-Bur, F Nap-Tyr, F Ion-Eas, A Tun-NAf

RUSSIA(Blank): F Bul(ec)-Bla, F Bot-Bal, A Mos-Liv, A Sil S A War-Pru, A StP-Liv, A War-Pru

TURKEY(Davies): F Con-Bla, A Smy-Con, F Eas-Smy

FALL 1903 Orders are due Friday, June 13th, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

1974HY, Autumn & Winter 1902

#### MAJOR POWERS TAKE TIME OUT TO REBUILD FORCES

Note: Margaret Gemignani, 3200 NE 36th, Apt. 907, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308 is the new English player.

Autumn 1902: England R F Nth-Yor; France R A Pic-Bre

#### Winter 1902:

ENGLAND(Gemignani): D A Edi

FRANCE(McLendon): SP

AUSTRIA(Callahan): SP, no open centers

GERMANY(Fanelli): B A Kie

ITALY(Kendter): B A Ven

RUSSIA(Gallagher): B F Sev

TURKEY(J. Cooper): SP

SPRING 1903 Orders are due Friday, June 13, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

#### Winter 1902 Positions:

Austria: A Vie, A Bud, A Bul, F Gre (4);

England: F Nwg, F Yor (2); France: F Eng, F Lon, F Por, A Mar, A Bur, A Bre (6);

Germany: F Hol, F Nth, A Pic, A Bel, A Ruh, A Kie (6); Italy: A Tri, F Adr, F Ion, A Alb, A Ven (5); Russia: F Nwy, F Ska, A Swe, F Rum, A Ukr, A Gal, F Sev (7); Turkey: F Aeg, F Bla, A Con (3)

#### Press--

Berlin: The Admiralty today announced a victory over the marauding British fleet which has been terrorizing shipping in the North Sea for the past two years. That fleet escaped complete destruction, however, and it was not known if the British returned to their base in Yorkshire or sneaked into Germany coastal waters. The High Command released a statement today calling an end to the unfortunate operations of the past year in Eastern France. The German Army which is currently poised to strike at Paris will be pulled out of France instead as a show of good faith. This move is in accordance with the wishes of the German people who were greatly disturbed over the need for defensive operations along the French-German border. All of Germany is united in its desire for peace in Europe. Once again delegations have been sent to the major powers in the hope that some agreement can be reached which will end hostilities before the new year begins.

1975G, Summer & Fall 1902

#### TRENCH FIGHTING ON FRENCH-GERMAN BORDER! ITALY'S ARMED FORCES CHANGES DIRECTION!

COAs: Tom Cooper, 6192 Preston Haven Dr., Dallas, TX 75230; Alex Sabo, 2302½ Donald Ave., Youngstown, OH 44509.

Summer 1902: England R F Nwy-Ska; France R A Bel-Pic; Turkey R F Bla-Ank.

#### Fall 1902:

AUSTRIA(Hinmon): F Gre-Aeg, F Alb-Gre, A Bul H, A Bud H, A Tri H

ENGLAND(Cooper, T.): F Ska-Den, F Edi-Cly, F Nth-Lon, A Lon-Wal  
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FRANCE(Kirk): A Spa H, F Mid-Iri, A Gas-Bur,  
A Pic-Bel, F Eng S A Pic-Bel

GERMANY(Amer): A Bur-Bel, A Ruh S A Bur-Bel,  
A Hol S A Bur-Bel/nsu/, F Hel-Nth, F Den  
S F Hel-Nth, A Bel H/u/

ITALY(Young): A Ven-Pie, A Tun-Apu, F Ion C  
A Tun-Apu, F Nap-Tyn

RUSSIA(Sabo): F Sev-Arm, A Rum H, F Bla S F  
Sev-Arm, F Nwy H/nsu/, A Nwy H/u/,,  
F Swe S F Nwy H/nsu/(GM Note: You have  
A Nwy), F StP(nc)-Bar

TURKEY(Kendter, Jr.): A Con H, F Ank S A Con,  
F Smy-Aeg

WINTER 1902 Orders are due Friday, June 13,  
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#### Fall 1902 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Hom, Ser, Gre, Bul (6) Bl

England: Hom, Hol (3) R1

France: Hom, Bel, Por, Spa (5) SP

Germany: Hom, Hol, Den, Bel (6) Bl

Italy: Hom, Tun, (4) SP

Russia: Hom, Swe, Rum, Nwy (7) Bl

Turkey: Hom, Bal (3) SP, lost 1

#### Press--

London: Once again Lord Horatio Kitchener demonstrated his expertise in handling foreign affairs today, when he was quoted as saying: "Those French sissies think they're above everyone else, and I'm pretty damn sick of their attitude!" (The French Ambassador is reportedly staying in his embassy and refusing to see any British diplomats. The ambassador explains his seclusion by saying that he has much pressing business.). "If they'd stop using perfume and start using their heads, their economy wouldn't be in such a rotten shape!...What?...Oh yeah, uh, don't quote me on that, fellas, OK?"

Paris(Agence Presso): Weary French Foreign Legion attacked Belgium in a seesaw battle with the invidious Bosche. Unable to secure assistance from its allies, the Legion has thrown itself back into the battle after having just been driven from Bruxelles in a surprise attack. This front as well as that created by the treacherous invasion of Burgundy will be fought with every bit of force that can be mustered. Who can trust the despicable ravagers of Alsace-Lorraine and Haute Seine? Morte Aux Bosches!

Mother Russia: From Alexander IV, High Programmer of the People, First Called of CHI, protector of Rumania, Defender of Sweden, Friend of Galicia, Guardian of Finland, Champion of Norway, Hero of the Black Sea, and Lord of the Outer Dominions, to his most able

and valorous Lord Admirals of the Fleet, Cobol and Snobol, of Siberia, Leaders of the First Line of Defense on the beloved southern shores, upon the completion of an extremely hazardous mission in the service of the High Programmer of the People, Alexander IV, having been ordered to wipe our borders clear of the insidious invasion of the Turkish Fleet, being there against all Treaties and Agreements between our two nations: Hit 'em again; hit 'em again, harder, harder!!

1975T, Spring 1902

IS IT TRUE THAT NICE GUYS FINISH LAST?  
AUSTRIA FLASHES YE OLDE BIRSAN KNIFE AT ITALY!

Error: Eng F Nth-Hol should have been underlined.

COAs: Lt. Timothy Kutta, Box 280, RD#1, Jersey Shore, PA 17740; John Hulland, RR#2, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6H8, Canada.

Spring 1902:

AUSTRIA(Mahler): A Tri-Ven, A Vie-Tyr, A Bud-Gal, A Ser S A Rum, A Rum S Tur

A Bul-Sev, F Gre-Ion

ENGLAND(Drews): A Nwy-Swe, F Nwg-Bar, F Nth-Ska, F Edi-Nth

FRANCE(Lawson): F Spa(sc) H, A Bel S Eng  
F Nth-Hol/nso/, A Ruh H/r/Hol, OTB), A Par-Bur, A Mar S A Par-Bur

GERMANY(Warden): F Den-Ska, A Ber-Kie, A Kie-Ruh, A Mun S A Kie-Ruh

ITALY(Kutta): F Nap-Ion, F Ion-Aeg, A Apu H, A Tun H

RUSSIA(Lakofka): A Mos S F Sev, F Sev S Aus A Rum/a/, A War-Sil, F Bot-Swe

TURKEY(Hulland): F Bla C A Bul-Sev, F Smy-Aeg, A Bul-Sev, A Arm S A Bul-Sev

SUMMER & FALL 1902 Orders are due Friday, June 13, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

#### Press--

The Return of the King and the Downfall of BirSauron (Chapter 14):

Arn turns to Howard with a look of mixed pity and scorn, "I really think it's of vital importance that we three ride off to Rohan now; I'll give you a tour of my cave some other time."

During the long ride to Rohan, Howard asks Arn, "Could you tell me something of the Black Riders?"

Arn is at first taken aback at the request, but then judges that perhaps it would be a good thing to dampen the enthusiasm of this carefree Hobbit. "They number

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nine and were once men, but in a former age of the world were corrupted by the evil one (Sauron). Although they each have a great capacity for evil, their chief was once a mighty king. Thus Kelly the Witch King, as he's known, is truly a formidable tool of his master's will."

This seems to fulfill Howard's thirst for knowledge, as he's quiet for the rest of the long trip. Finally as they arrive at the gates of the Golden Hall of Rohan, one of the guards calls them to a halt, "We've been watching you approaching many miles over the plain."

Gene replies, "We've ridden far and hard in order to speak with your Lord Lenoden."

"Lenny the Lizard does not welcome strangers in these troubled times. Ah, but you Arn the Cerulian Blue are no stranger, rather a well known bringer of woes and seeker of free aid."

Arn laments, "It seems the King's counselor Wormtongue, as he's called by all save his master, has used his venom of fear and doubt to poison the King's mind. Curse you Gregor Wormtongue!"

#### Boyerski--The Night Stalker, Chapter 3:

Chicago, April 11, 1975, 9:43 a.m. ....

John Boyerski, ace reporter for I.N.A., rose from his 3X5 crib and greeted the morning. He opened the window to the smell of tacos and someone yelling "LaPuta" at a black and red clad wench who was running down the alley. The morning smog covered his line of sight to the Sears Tower and all he could see was what used to be "Little Poland" at the corner of Division, Ashland, and Milwaukee. John drew a deep breath, coughed, and put on his favorite (and only) off-white seersucker suit and crushed white hat. He climbed down the stairs from his tiny apartment over Alfred's Fresca Nachos and moved to the subway entrance.

Minutes later he came up from the underground tunnels of the Chicago Loop and walked towards the I.N.A. Office on Van Buren.

"Anything new Chief?" He yawned as he strode into the office. "Where have you been? It's 10:45! John, I'm going to take you off the Bowling team if you keep this up!"

"Anything Chief, but don't take me off the Bowling team! It's my one claim to fame with my girlfriend." "That whore! OH JOHN, you make me.....Here, cover this story. It's right up your alley! Now get out of here!"

"Two bodies found in the second floor apartment over Fred & Sue's Restaurant at 3411 N. Broadway. Bodies had been there at least 40 days! "40 Days! Phew!"

....As Squire Leomund entered Erehwon he always felt dwarfed by its majesty. He quaked inside, took a deep breath, and strode into the Lord's Chamber. King Perambulator was in the other garden overseeing the construction of his new kennels.

"Leomund. You are late! What news?"

Leomund told his story, leaving out the part about his swim in the long lage. As he did so he fingered the contents of his pocket. Almost unconsciously he drew out the bejeweled coin he had found.

All at once, Court Majician Howey Mahler moved forward. "You have the Kelly Stone! Give it to me!" he shrieked.

"I will not, sir. It is mine! Be gone to your chamber!" Leomund was amazed by his tone and sought forgiveness from the magician. The only problem was that the magician had vanished! --to be continued.

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1975AF, Spring 1902

RUSSIAN OFFENSIVES ARE STYMIED AS ITALY TAKE A LOOK ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE! HUH???

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Error: Turkish build was F Smy, not A Smy. Also, in Winter 1901 Positions, Fra had A Bur, not A Bel. Sorry!

Spring 1902:

AUSTRIA(Johnson): A Ser-Bul, A Bud-Ser,  
F Tri-Alb

ENGLAND(Cooper): F Nth-Ska, F Lon-Nth,  
F Nwg-Bar, A Nwy-Swe

FRANCE(Carlton): F Bre-Eng, A Par-Bur,  
A Bur-Bel, A Spa-Gas, F Por-Spa(sc)

GERMANY(Eddy): F Den S Rus F Swe, A Kie-Hol,  
A Ruh-Bur

ITALY(Bettencourt): A Tyr-Ven, A Ven-Apu,  
F Nap-Tyn, F Tun-Ion

RUSSIA(Goldston): F Sev-Bla, F Swe-Nwy,  
F StP(nc)-Bar, A Mos-StP, A War-Ukr,  
A Rum S Aus A Ser-Bul, A Vie H

TURKEY(Morphy): A Bul-Ser, A Con-Bul, F Ank-Bla, A Gre S A Bul-Ser, F Smy-Aeg

FALL 1902 Orders are due Friday, June 13, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Press--

Rome(AP): "Taka Ur Cash has arrived in Turkey after leaving Switzerland. He made his way to the Sultan's all night bar where he sold 23 policies. The Italian army pulled out after the Austrian-Hungarian government allowed the Camel Chip Throwing contest to

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be held in Trieste. The contest is being delayed until Camels can be imported from Tunis...."

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1975CS (Formerly Novice Game #11)

MRS. BEYERLEIN PROVIDES US WITH A NUMBER!

A Board Number has just been received from Mrs. Bordman Number, er, Mrs. Beyerlein. I thank her for the number! (Hey, Doug, better watch her--it would seem that their newly employed infiltration tactics by that secretive Diplomacy Widow's Association is getting them into high places where they could cause trouble....Can you imagine the game's name being changed to, 'Flower Power'? Shudder!!!!)

SPRING 1901 Orders are still due Friday, June 13, 1975, at noon, E.D.S.T. Have fun, drool...  
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#### NEWS OF THE HOBBY, CONT.

to those who copyright material, there is nothing against setting up an organization which will, despite copyrighting or not copyrighting of their material, will automatically grant free exchange of materials published in member zines. Also, there is a need to clarify the copyright laws, its limitations and its legal specifications, etc. Ironically, the major effort being made by Rod against copyrighting material in our amateur hobby is only going to end up in speeding-up the day when most everyone will copyright their own material! That's my own opinion.

Rumors are flying around (at least in Bob Lipton's Maximaxu Gazette) that the postal rates will again be going up. I asked the local post office and as usual they don't know anything about it. According to Bob, they will be combining the first class/airmail rates into one single rate. If so, this will certainly raise the costs of publishing. Sigh. I don't remember exactly, but I think I might have read somewhere a statement that the rates will be going up next Fall. Well, we have a little time, don't we?

Cepheidas is an unusual zine for the newcomers in the hobby put out by a quartet: Joel Klein, 62-60 99th St., Apt. 1220, Rego Park, NY 11374; Jim Lawson, 3508 Benton Dr., NY, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2L 1W8; Robert Correll, 44 Rawlinson Ave., Toronto, Ont., Canada M4P 2M9; and John Gross, 32 Gordon Rd., Willowdale, Ont., Canada M2P 1E1. I suggest

strongly that publishers who receive requests for information from newcomers (like being on the GRI publisher listing) refer their newcomers to any of these four. Together they put out an excellent informationzine that makes the going a lot easier in trying to piece together what the hell is going on in this hobby! I wish to thank them all for doing a very good job and one that is very much in need!

If my news seems dull in that I mostly avoid the "scandals", "feuds", arguments, IDA vs TDA, and so on, you're right! I feel that I have a responsibility in reporting news, if I do so, accurately and neutrally. It is in these particular events which I do not feel up to reporting either accurately or neutrally. But, a lot is being said in plenty of places and the going is currently very hot on copyrighting laws and ethics and the works--what it means for the hobby. Obviously, this will work itself out after just about everyone has become sick of it, but until that point, I won't feel like reporting extensively on it.

In Ragweed published by the Burkacki brothers Al & Tom of 13201 Dwyer, Detroit, MI 48212, They mention that Gene Roddenberry is working on a movie script featuring the original cast and sets of Star Trek plus an international cast of thousands. They are apparently planning to release it in 1975 or early 1976. Can't wait to see it!

Dungeons & Dragons are getting to be very popular, and from several sources including the huge Europa wargamezine by Walter Luc Haas of Switzerland, I gather that D&D is run basically as an open-ended game of searching for treasure and learning the tricks of your trade (you could be a wizard or a warrior or a dragon or anything ever mentioned--not including the homely Squonk of Pennsylvania as reported in Ragweed, however. Whatever, the "base" is made up of intelligence, strength and several other factors making up an individuals. People are making up the "courses" and selling them or running them like a gamezine. It seems a new postal hobby might be forming up here!

Speaking of wargames and things not related to Diplomacy, I'd like to mention in passing the quad series, Blue & Grey just published by SPI. The quad include four games for \$12. The four battles from the American Civil War are: Gettysburg (Cemetery Hill), Chickamauga, Shiloh and Antietam. The maps are the best part in that they're the first time I've seen more  
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than two colors on their maps. These maps have an off-white background for clear terrain plus two greens, a golden brown, a dark brown for other terrain plus blue for rivers and streams! So, they're definitely colorful for SPI maps.

The counters are the usual SPI types, being blank on one side, however. The rules are clear and rather simple which suits my purpose of using them to run games by mail with multi-commanders and limited intelligence. I have a wargamezine for that purpose, The Glory Road, which is currently running SPI's Bull Run by mail. The turns are done 2 weeks apart and whole games can be completed in 5 months or less depending on the number of turns.

Other players/publishers are thinking of starting their own games. I cannot over-emphasize the terrific amount of fun--either as a player or as gamesmaster! It almost makes me want to give up Diplomacy....by the way, I do need more players, at least to start more games with other gamesmasters. Let me know if you're interested and I'll send you a free copy of my rules for Bull Run for a stamp.

In Paroxysm (published by Ronson, Drews and Correll--address for latter above), an article on the strengths of Italy was given. It just prodded me to mention my own views on Italy: It is a good country to work with, but it does require a different type of play. With England and Turkey, for example, the game is more tactical and efforts are made to secure good positions. With Italy, the game takes more strategy into consideration. The choice of allies, the choice of which front to launch attacks on, the choice of when to stab, or when not to stab, when to help others or not to help are more of import than tactics. Unlike other countries, Italy cannot and is not able to begin a game with explosive growth. If this is realized, then planned growth is taken into consideration. This is where Italy is good for she is in the middle and can go either west or east, and even north, when the needs arise to maintain her own momentum of growth or to keep a balance of power in Europe. I like Italy for this reason and have done fairly well in winning twice and finishing second out of 3 times with Italy. An interesting country to play....

Diplomacy World, in its new quarterly format is out. Sub rate is \$4.00 a year. Walt Buchanan, R.R. #3, Lebanon, IN 46052! Highly recommended!

# SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

Under New Management!

## CHAPTER 7:

Torgen got up from the control panel at 4 billion miles from the sun. He had come and gone time after time, but only to sit and stare at the controls, which were now practically useless. As he had done so many times before, he descended to the observation deck, and stared back out at the sun passing further and further away... Rousing himself with an effort, he proceeded once more to his cabin, to try, unsuccessfully no doubt, to get a little sleep. As he neared the cabin, a vague bump seemed to hit the ship. Immediately the klaxon sounded and Torgen, dazed but with the slightest of hopes, hurried once more to the control panel. Punching the klaxon button as he came in, he noticed immediately that all engines had stopped--and his ship wasn't moving! Controls weren't functional--to the astrogation panel. Not a star in sight, not even the sun! For all he knew, Torgen realized he could be moving, but something was blocking the viewing ports..."What's the hell's going on??" he murmured as he raced down the companionway.

"Torgen."

A voice reverberated throughout the ship. Torgen stood still, waiting, listening.

"Torgen," came the voice again. "You wish to know why your ship has stopped."

"Who is this?" came Torgen's reply.

"I am--the Landlord of the Gate, just as your Landlord was at home. You are at the Gate." Torgen tried to think--but nothing come out right. Finally, he voiced the thoughts he had to in desperation.

"Landlord! What the hell's going on?!"

"You are at the Third Gate of your kind, Torgen. I am the--"Landlord" of the Gate. You are the first of your kind to reach the Third Gate." Again, he thought--that didn't help him any!

"Alright then, what's a Gate?"

"Just as the name implies. But think of the most abstract form of a gate, brought down to life; perhaps a Gate opening onto a whole new type of existence for your kind. This description, though inaccurate of course, is the closest you will come to the truth, Torgen."

"Sure, sure; OK. You stopped my ship, and I suppose I might be grateful for that, but would you kindly release it, and give it a little push back towards Earth, perhaps?"

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"No, Torgen; you are the first to reach this gate. You will therefore suffer the same fate as your predecessors; you will die."

Silence came as Torgen pondered the situation.

"Predecessors; 2 others?" he asked at last.

"Yes."

"Who were they?"

"Such a question is hard to answer--the second of your kind to reach a Gate was called 'Seks' by his comrades. The first to discover a Gate--the name is not available."

"And I, like my 'predecessors', will die?" asked Torgen again.

"Yes"

"How?"

The voice replied, "In the world you have opened to your kind."

"What of those who follow?" asked Torgen, suddenly caught up in an awe of belief; it seemed finally real now. Those who followed, "Will they die, too; like me?"

"They will die too."

"All of them?!" he cried.

"No, no, Torgen. It is already late. You may now pass through the Gate. Though it will kill you, remember that you were the one to discover it."

A short time later, the ghost that was charged with the mysterious disappearance of the 431J exclaimed to himself, "Wow, I may even get a Demon Lordship with this!" as he dispersed himself through the channels of human civilization. --to be continued.

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IDA HANDBOOK IS ON SALE AT \$2.00 for members and \$3 for non-members. These are the 1974 Handbooks! Send money to me, John Boyer!

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Thought: Giving advice has always been risky, as was pointed out by a schoolboy writing an essay about Socrates: "Socrates was a Greek philosopher who went around giving advice...they poisoned him."

FIRST CLASS MAIL

## HMM....A SHORT ISSUE!

Well, it looks like I'll have to make this a short issue. Having a day off does not help me get things done! The holiday just brings people around who in the end interfere with the work and so I fell behind with this issue. Rather than delaying the issue and the deadline, I will make it short and make it up with a special size issue sometime in the near future. (I already mentioned about this special issue).

The special issue, hopefully, will have a variant by Lew Pulsipher, the poll for Impassable readers, an article by myself on something, and whatever else I can think of plus the usual features which are, unfortunately, being cut out of this issue.

I will not be starting anymore games for the time being though I'm thinking of possibly starting another demonstration game with the best players of the hobby--if I can persuade them to enter such a game....

Found out what it will cost to get a brand new Gestefax machine: \$1,250.00 plus tax. The paper stencils good for 200+ runs (good enough for me) runs double these stencils. Still, that would result in cutting issue subs by one from 12 to 11/\$2 (not figuring in extra costs for anything else such as postage increases). Well, it makes me think though I now know more about its capabilities (it can reproduce most pictures and photographs as well as the usual diagrams and designs and typed material....) I have the money, but in these bad economic times, I'm less sure about spending such a sum on this stupid amateurish hobby of ours.... Peace.



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